case of Government servants, their emoluments are so limited that Government thought some concession was necessary regarding treatment in Government hospitals."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister considers that persons drawing above Rs. 500 are the people who deserve consideration? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" It is only they that know their difficulties."

SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI :—" Are Members of the Legislature entitled to this concession? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" At present, my instruction is they are not."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether this concession will be extended to the Members of the Legisslature? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" There are members who draw salaries and perhaps if Members of the Legislature will be content with being grouped in the cadre to which their salaries are attached, the Finance Minister may agree to it."

Schemes for the uplift of the Scheduled castes.

* 15 *Q*.—SRI H. M. JAGANNATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have formulated any scheme or schemes for the uplift of the scheduled castes in the Province in connexion with the provision of rupees one crore sanctioned in the current year's budget ; and

(*b*) if so, what is the amount spent up till now ; and on what account?

THE HON. SRI V. KURMAYYA :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have constituted Harijan Welfare Committee for the formulation of a five-year plan of Harijan Uplift. That committee has also been entrusted with the work of drawing up a scheme for the utilization of the sum of Rs. 1 crore set apart by the Government for Harijan Uplift."

SRI H. M. JAGANNATHAM :—" Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of consulting organized public opinion of the scheduled classes in this province in this respect? "

THE HON. SRI V. KURMAYYA :—" This committee has appointed a sub-committee which has been touring in the province to make enquiries of the various organizations and the leaders who are working for Harijan uplift on this matter."